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1. Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization

Special, 1973

Introduction

The Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization was established in January 1958 at an inaugural conference held in Cairo. Its area of work covers Africa, Asia and the Pacific region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are:

(a) To unite, consolidate and accelerate actions of solidarity with struggle against all forms of aggression and racism and provide all-out moral, political and material support to the protection of freedom and national independence;

(b) To act, in an interdependent world, in support of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Non-Aligned Movement and to strengthen cooperation of the organization with the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement and with the other governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that act for the same objectives;

(c) To mobilize the peoples of Africa, Asia and other developing countries, progressive and democratic forces all over the world, against the policy of destabilization and against military pacts, blocs, bases and facilities;

(d) To propagate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including implementation of all the statutes, conventions, treaties and conventions passed and accepted by the United Nations organizations over the years;

(e) To resolve international, regional and national conflicts by peaceful dialogue on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations in the spirit of solidarity and on the basis of national reconciliation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports the programmes of the Economic and Social Council; the peace efforts in the world and especially in the Middle East; the decolonization process; the non-proliferation treaty and projects for establishing a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in all its manifestations and applications; the Millennium Development Goals; and the efforts of the people addressing climate change in the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The national committees of the organization are involved in poverty alleviation by assisting their respective governments.

2. Agency for International Development

General Consultative Status, 2001

Introduction

The Agency for International Development seeks to contribute to the many actions undertaken by the specialized institutions of the United Nations and the European Union; and participate in the economic and social projects in developing countries in terms of health, education and training, agriculture and emergency assistance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

(a) To promote dialogue and exchange of information and experiences between its members and to sustain the development and strengthening of non-governmental organizations;

(b) To work on behalf of underprivileged people without distinction and to combat all kinds of discrimination, whether racial, national, political, religious or gender-related;

(c) To publish and/or broadcast articles, periodicals, books, audiovisual materials and newsletters about human development in general.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization:

(a) Distributed 1,387 tons of food and 202 tons of clothing to highly vulnerable families or individuals in Paris.

(b) Organized 4 conferences in Paris for International Human Rights Day: in 2009, on combating inequalities in political representation of Europeans deriving from minorities; in 2010, on equal rights in cultural diversity; in 2011, on civic involvement; and in 2012, on everyday human rights in France and in Europe.

(c) Mobilized 24,550 shopkeepers to display our posters in their shop-windows: 350,000 posters, information leaflets and postcards, to channel directly to the population, in their everyday lives, information opposing all forms of discrimination; and 45,600 people were contacted via our email campaigns.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In Geneva, the Agency for International Development organized nine side-events parallel to the sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council:

(a) On 9 June 2010, on safeguarding of women in conflict situations;

(b) On 11 June 2010, on refugees' rights and humanitarian aid;

(c) On 22 September 2010, on freedom of expression and movement in conflict zones;

(d) On 24 September 2010, on arbitrary expulsion in the light of international law;

(e) On 8 June 2011, on refugees' rights;

(f) On 22 September 2011, on the human dimension in conflict resolution;

(g) On 23 September 2011, on human rights in conflict zones;

(h) On 15 March 2012, on freedom of expression and movement in conflict zones;

(i) On 18 September 2012, on media and human rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information supplied.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has for several years been focusing on achieving the Millennium Development Goals. During the reporting period, in Morocco, it:

(a) Organized a fortnight's summer holiday in 2010, 2011 and 2012 for 6,122 pupils of four state schools in Bzou, Boujâad, Mohammadia et Salé.

(b) Set up a remedial support system for children at 10 existing state schools in the priority zones of Mohammadia, Boujâad and Salé;

(c) Carried out renovation work on three state schools in Boujâad and Salé;

(d) Distributed clothing aid and school supplies to the Mohammadia and Salé schools;

(e) Distributed one meal a day per child, clothing aid and school supplies for 435 children during the school year at Madani Safaar state school in Salé;

(f) Built and fitted out a food bank in Salé in 2010;

(g) Distributed 161 tons of food and 38 tons of clothing for the benefit of 12,499 vulnerable families in Salé, Boujâad and Bzou.

3. Cultural Association for Aid to Educational and Social Advancement

Special Consultative Status, 2001

Introduction

The Cultural Association for Aid to Educational and Social Advancement is a non-governmental organization whose headquarters are in Dakar, Senegal. It is a social movement whose mission is to contribute to sustainable development through the furtherance of civic education. It was granted special consultative status in 2001.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its aim is to contribute to sustainable development through advocacy of (global and holistic) civic education and the emergence of new forms of solidarity. Its strategic aims are, among others, to:

(a) Contribute to guaranteeing communities' right to life through global education, risk prevention and damage reduction in respect of health, hygiene and the environment;

(b) Encourage internalization of the principles of democratization, furtherance of rights and non-violent conflict prevention;

(c) Foster sharing, cooperation and integration between communities and nations, as well as self-reinforcement, while respecting sociocultural differences and realities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our contribution to the work of the United Nations has been shown through our input into discussions on the matters discussed during the various meetings of the Organization in which we have taken part.

(a) At the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, held in New York from 24 to 26 June 2009, our representative suggested providing a safety net for the protection of the poorest populations and developing a social solidarity economy;

(b) At the Durban Review Conference on Racism, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009, our representative submitted a paper on countering racism and the requirement for alternative education for diverse cultures;

(c) At the 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009, our representative defended women's access to land [ownership], wealth-creation for women in rural and peri-urban areas, and girls' education. Our representatives advocated a preventive policy for vulnerable sectors of the population;

(d) At the meeting of the Council with the African Union, held in Yaoundé from 21 to 23 May 2009, our representative, an accredited member of the Council,

proposed the option of policies of fundamental changes involving comprehensive participation by civil society in African Union decisions and a concertation framework between it, the Council and the United Nations;

(e) At the Fifth Conference on Education and Sustainable Development at the United Nations University, held at Curitiba, Brazil, from 18 to 20 May 2010, our representative defended positions favouring global education of young people for sustainable and consensual development in West Africa;

(f) At the side-meeting of NGOs on environmental education, held from 13 to 22 June 2012, during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, our representative submitted the programme for connecting classrooms with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the topic of climate change for young people;

(g) During the side-meetings (between NGOs), our representative insisted on the change of policy and on setting up a state and civil society consultation framework for better governance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, the organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) The United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, held in New York from 24 to 26 June;

(b) Durban Review Conference on Racism, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 April;

(c) The 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 2 to 13 March;

In 2010, the organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) The 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly, at a side-meeting of NGOs and at social events, from 14 to 22 December;

(b) The Fifth Conference on Education and Sustainable Development of the United Nations University, held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 18 to 20 May;

In 2011, the organization participated in an International Conference on Education and Sustainable Development, with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations University, held in Kerkrade, Netherlands, from 21 to 23 November.

In 2012, the organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) A side-meeting of NGOs on environmental education, during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held from 13 to 22 June;

(b) A Conference on Centres of Regional Expertise, held by UNESCO and the United Nations University in Tongyeong, Republic of Korea, from 21 to 24 September.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, cooperation by the organization included:

(a) A cooperation programme on Regional Centres of Expertise and Education in Sustainable Development for Young People;

(b) A "Connecting Classrooms" project, with UNICEF, to promote the sharing of best practice in respect of the fight against AIDS, furthering the rights of the child and food security.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to Goal 6 in Senegal by educating 4,022 young people and raising awareness among 45,000 people.

The organization contributed to Goal 4 in Senegal by educating and training 8,000 children and young people.

The organization contributed to Goal 7 in Senegal by training 60 young educators/peers in environmental education and climate change.

The organization contributed to Goal 3 in Senegal by training 200 women in agriculture and in running a family farm.

From 2009 to 2012, the organization organized events in the framework of International AIDS Day, African Children's Day and International Women's Day.

Further information

The organization has enhanced its partnership portfolio. It is a member of Regional Centres of Expertise, whose headquarters is in Japan, and of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, whose headquarters is in Paris.

4. Health and Environment Association

Special Consultative Status, 2001

Introduction

The Health and Environment Association was set up in 1996 with the aim of furthering one of the basic requirements of mankind: to live in good health in a healthy, balanced environment. It bases its action on the close links between the state of the environment and human health. The Association seeks to offer the citizen a forum for information, dialogue, education and training. It is an open NGO. Its members include doctors, academics, teachers, engineers, manufacturers and health and environmental professionals, as well as students.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Association are:

(a) To raise awareness of the close relationship between environment and health;

(b) To investigate and evaluate the environmental factors likely to have an impact on health;

(c) To prevent environmental risks;

(d) To establish relations of cooperation and partnership with national and international bodies working in the field of environment and health.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Association participated in:

(a) Setting up a National Health and Environment Plan;

(b) Drawing up a review on adapting the health sector to climate change;

(c) Drawing up a practical guide for the management of medical wastes; and holding a public consultation reviewing the environmental and social impacts of the management scheme for wastes from health-care activities and from polychlorinated biphenyl in Tunisia in cooperation with the National Waste Management Agency ;

(d) Local processing of organic waste and recycling of waste water in collaboration with the National Bureau of Sanitation;

(e) Review of the Regulatory Framework on Pesticides in order to develop a national action plan for the prevention of accumulation of future stockpiles;

(f) Drawing up a National Covenant on Campaigning against Smoking on the initiative of the Ministry of Public Health and the National Anti-Smoking Committee;

(g) Advocacy of ecological tourism;

(h) Involvement in creating the National Code for the Environment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information supplied.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information supplied.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association organized the following round tables:

- January 2009, on cancer and the environment;
- April 2009 in Jendouba, Tunisia, on tobacco and health;
- May 2009, on health-care waste and the environment;
- June 2009, in collaboration with the Tunisian Society for Research on Sexuality and Impotence, on lifestyle, fertility and sexuality;
- March 2010, on climate and emerging health risks;

- May 2010, on cancers and sexuality;
- February 2012 in Tunis, on electromagnetic waves and health;
- April 2012, on public hygiene and the environment;
- June 2012, on society and the environment;
- September 2012, on the impact of lifestyle on health.

5. Action Committee for the Rights of the Child and Woman

Special Consultative Status, 1997

Introduction

The Action Committee for the Rights of the Child and Woman is a non-governmental organization set up on 8 March 1990 and recognized as being of public interest in April 1991. It has more than 500 members all over Mali. The executive directorate is based in Bamako. The organization has branches in the regions of Kayes, Ségou and Sikasso. The Committee is a member of networks for rights and women's citizenship for combating genital mutilation, early marriage, violence at work and domestic violence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overall goals and aims are to promote, protect and defend the human rights of the woman and the child.

The specific aims are the following:

(a) To monitor the correct application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

(b) To participate in sustaining, protecting and defending the accrued rights of Malian women in legislative, legal, social, economic and cultural terms;

(c) To participate in the process of democratization [and] peace-building;

(d) To participate in establishing a sound culture of human rights, peace and tolerance;

(e) To participate in promoting good governance in Mali;

(f) To strengthen the bonds of friendship, cooperation and solidarity between the women of Mali, Africa and the world who are striving for human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information supplied.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in:

(a) Meetings on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, held in New York in 2009, 2011 and 2012;

(b) Meetings of the United Nations Department of Public Information, and the 61st DPI–NGO Annual Conference in Paris, 3-5 September;

(c) The 54th and 55th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2009 and 2010;

(d) Deliberations of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on the topic of elderly people, held in New York in 2010;

(e) Deliberations of the 48th session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York in 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization evaluated programmes on the rights of the woman and the child with UNICEF in Mali.

It also launched a research project on the experiences of women leaders in the fields of development, equality and peace, with the United Nations body for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With respect to government, the organization:

(a) Supported the propagation of the two United Nations conventions on the rights of the woman and of the child, and the Millennium Development Goals through the ministries concerned by the issues of the rights of the woman and of the child;

(b) Contributed to deliberations on the draft Family Code and procedure for following up good governance in Africa.

With respect to civil society, the organization was involved in informing and educating 3,000 women and 2,000 students [male and female] regarding reproductive health, gender and elections in Mali.

6. Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education

Special, 1997

Introduction

Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education was founded in Montreal, Canada, in 1967 by a group of leading Canadian scholars, jurists and human rights advocates.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to advance democracy, human development, peace and social justice through education programmes focused on human rights. Guided by the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, our world-renowned human rights education programmes are transforming individuals, communities and societies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

With our partners in Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, the organization contributed to the expansion of the East Africa human rights programme to better integrate marginalized groups in national dialogue for economic and political reform.

It also promoted youth civic participation in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco and the State of Palestine.

It launched a programme on speaking rights to engage youth between 12 and 18 years of age in learning about human rights and exploring issues important to them so that they can make changes in their communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the following events:

(a) Annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York;

(b) A forum on civic partnership for citizenship and human rights education, organized by the Council of Europe in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Strasbourg, France, on 9 and 10 October 2009;

(c) The Ninth International Conference for National Human Rights Institutions, including a side event, was organized in collaboration with OHCHR to launch a new Equitas publication on equality for women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization's contributions included:

(a) Ongoing collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and OHCHR in the delivery of the organization's annual international human rights training programme in Montreal;

(b) Publication with OHCHR of a handbook for human rights educators, on evaluating human rights training activities;

(c) The development and delivery of two training workshops for United Nations staff members on the evaluation handbook;

(d) Membership in the United Nations human rights policy network, coordinated by the United Nations Development Programme Oslo Governance Centre;

(e) Collaboration with OHCHR in the development of human rights education impact indicators;

(f) With the Canadian Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), participation in a meeting of the Sectoral Commission [for] Education, held in Ottawa on 9 June 2011. Also for UNESCO, the organization participated with the Associated Schools Network in Canada in a workshop for a tri-national project on education for democratic citizenship and human rights education, held from 10 to 12 December 2012 in Winnipeg, Canada;

(g) Collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;

(h) Collaboration with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti human rights section to provide training on understanding the human rights situations in Haiti.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Equitas programme directly addresses Goal 3, to promote gender equality and empower women.

In West Africa, the organization's programme in Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal focuses on the implementation of universal periodic review recommendations regarding gender equality and women's rights.

In Haiti, following the earthquake, the activities of Equitas alumni organizations mobilized communities to empower women to take on leadership roles to combat violence against women and participate in decision-making processes in displaced persons camps.